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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1, 5-19 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 2-4 received by this Authority on 12.04.2005
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
 nos. 9-13 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 1-8 received by this Authority on 12.04.2002
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

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the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
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inclusion of a specified boehmite, namely, needle-like or tube-like boehmite having an average particle diameter (short side) of 100 nm or less, in a phenol resin.

Therefore, the invention set forth in claims 1 to 13 is novel and involves an inventive step.